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## FISCAL IMPACT REPORT

ORIGINAL DATE 1/26/06

SPONSOR Stewart LAST UPDATED \_\_\_\_\_ HB 242

SHORT TITLE International Digital Filmmaking Festival SB \_\_\_\_\_

ANALYST Earnest

### APPROPRIATION (dollars in thousands)

Appropriation		Recurring or Non-Rec	Fund Affected
FY06	FY07		
\$300.0		Non-Recurring	General Fund

(Parenthesis ( ) Indicate Expenditure Decreases)

### SOURCES OF INFORMATION

LFC Files

#### Responses Received From

Economic Development Department (EDD)

Higher Education Department (HED)

### SUMMARY

#### Synopsis of Bill

HB242 appropriates \$300,000 from the general fund for expenditure in FY06 and FY07 to the Economic Development Department to contract for services to conduct an international digital filmmaking festival as part of the Albuquerque tri-centennial that will serve to educate trainees of the state Film Technicians Training Program and students of the Media Arts Program at the University of New Mexico (UNM).

### FISCAL IMPLICATIONS

The appropriation of \$300 thousand (\$300,000) contained in this bill is a non-recurring expense to the general fund. Any unexpended or unencumbered balance remaining at the end of FY07 shall revert to the general fund.

This appropriation is tied to an event in conjunction with Albuquerque's tri-centennial celebration and, as such, is determined to be non-recurring.

## **SIGNIFICANT ISSUES**

According to HED, the Film Technicians Training Program is implemented by the Film Office of the New Mexico Economic Development Department in collaboration with the International Alliance of Theater and State Employees (IATSE) Local 480 and the Studio Mechanics Union. Four higher education institutions have film technician training programs: Albuquerque Technical Vocational Institute (TVI), New Mexico State University (NMSU), Eastern New Mexico University-Roswell (ENMU-Roswell), and Santa Fe Community College (SFCC).

The Department of Media Arts at UNM is dedicated to the study and practice of film and video as art. It offers a Bachelor of Arts degree in Media Arts.

## **PERFORMANCE IMPLICATIONS**

There are no performance measures that track the success of the film technicians training program. HED suggests the following measure: “the number of New Mexico students participating in the State Film Technicians Training Program who receive education through the International Digital Filmmaking Festival. These students could also be tracked to determine if they find employment within the film industry in New Mexico upon graduation.”

## **ADMINISTRATIVE IMPLICATIONS**

HED indicates that the Film Office of the Economic Development Department would administer the International Digital Filmmaking Festival. This would involve finding a contractor to conduct the festival, finding venues in Albuquerque and attracting participants, especially students in the State Film Technicians Training Program and those from the Media Arts Program at the University of New Mexico.

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